

PARTIAL EMBARGO PUT ON THREE EASTERN ROADS TO RELIEVE CONGESTION

ONLY FOOD, FUEL AND WAR MUNITIONS ARE EXEMPTED

Director-General McAdoo Authorized
Action on Recommendation
of His Assistant

NO TIME LIMIT SET,
PROBABLY FEW DAYS

Industries Idle During the
Past Five Days Were Re-
opened To-day — Effect
Was to Move Coal to the
Seaboard

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—Director-General McAdoo to-day authorized an embargo on all freight except food, fuel and war munitions on the Pennsylvania lines east of Pittsburgh, on the Baltimore and Ohio system east of the Ohio river and on the Philadelphia and Reading line. The action was taken on the recommendation of A. H. Smith, assistant director-general in charge of transportation in the east. The embargo is expected to last only a few days.

No official could say to-day just what were the effects of the five-day shutdown except it got coal to the seaboard for ships. Homes in many parts of the country were still without fuel, although the fuel administration said the complaints were fewer than for weeks. The industries which have been idle for five days resumed to-day in the face of congested transportation situation threatening to become worse from bad weather. The railroad administration said that the embargo was for the purpose of enabling those lines which are the heaviest bituminous coal carriers, to continue specializing on coal to supply the acute conditions in New England and New York and to provide empty cars for the mines. The practical effect of the order will not greatly change the conditions of the last few days since local embargoes had already been declared by many of the eastern railroads on their own initiative, with the general approval of Mr. Smith.

TO WEED OUT THE INEFFICIENT OFFICERS

Authority Conferred on High Commands
to Summons Officers Up for
Examination.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—The war department to-day published regulations giving divisional commanders and higher officers in the National Guard and national army authority to order before special boards such officers as may be considered unfit for the commands they are holding. The boards must report to the war department, which renders a final decision as to the removal of the officers. The expeditionary forces are excluded from the operation of the regulations, General Pershing holding the power to discharge inefficient officers below the grade of brigadier general, except those holding permanent commissions.

FEDERAL CONTROL OF AMMONIA.

Secretary Houston Appoints Committee
on Administration.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—Under the proclamation of the president of Jan. 3, the importation, manufacture, storage and distribution of ammonia for fertilizer purposes will be taken over by the government under the immediate direction of the secretary of agriculture. The president has just issued a proclamation establishing the regulations which provide that licenses shall be issued under the provision of the food control act and shall bear the signature of the secretary of agriculture, to whom reports must be made when required, and the secretary is to have authority at any time to cause his representatives to inspect any business under license with the provision that no information concerning any business shall be divulged. The manufacture and sale of all prime products of ammonia as produced in by-product coke oven plants, coal, gas plants, and nitrogen fixation plants will be under conditions prescribed by the secretary.

In accordance with the terms of the proclamation, Secretary Houston has designated the following committee to be known as the inter-department committee on ammonia to assist in the administration of this responsibility:

Charles W. Merrill, U. S. food administration.
M. R. Wilkinson and Carl L. Aisberg, department of agriculture.
Major C. S. Backus, ordnance division, war department.
Colonel M. H. Walker, chief of chemicals service section, war department.
Major M. J. Whitson, cantonment division, quartermaster-general's office, war department.
Admiral Ralph Park, navy department.
Major J. T. Crabbs, interior department.
L. L. Summers, council of national defense.

THREE KILLED IN NEW ACTION

Gen. Pershing Sends Report
of Further American
Casualties

MAY HAVE BEEN RAID-
ING ENGAGEMENT

Dead Are Privates Albert
Cook, Harry V. Garman
and Leo E. Radi

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—General Pershing to-day reported three American infantrymen killed in action Monday. He gave no details. The dead are: ALBERT COOK, West Almond, N. Y.; HARRY V. GARMAN, Catawba, Va.; LEO E. RADI, Cleveland. All the men were privates.

"BACK US UP AT HOME."

Is Message Which Pershing Sends Back
from France.

New York, Jan. 23.—"Tell them this is the greatest thing we ever tried to do and we are looking to them to back us up at home," is a message from General Pershing, which Rev. Dr. Hugh Brickhead yesterday told members of the National League for Women's Service here he had been asked by the general to carry back to the United States.

Dr. Brickhead recently returned from several months of relief work on the French front and a tour of England at the request of the Red Cross to assure the English people of the co-operation of America in the war.

"If you know every day and every hour that they are standing behind us, it will give us hope and courage," the speaker said General Pershing added.

Referring to the activity of German agents in the United States, Dr. Brickhead said: "The most insidious propaganda in the country to-day is the anti-British propaganda which is spread by German agents to belittle the work of England in the war. Whoever detracts from what England has done in the war is striking at the very heart of our country with a dagger."

EXPLODING STOVE CAUSED ONE DEATH

Loss of \$30,000 Was Sustained To-day
at Plant of the Essex Lumber Co.

at Lynn, Mass.

Lynn, Mass., Jan. 23.—The explosion of an oil stove early to-day started a fire which destroyed a building of the Essex Lumber company and a number of portable buildings ready for shipment and caused the death of Thomas H. Baxter, a watchman. The loss is \$30,000.

MEAT SHORTAGE ACUTE.

London Food Controller Has Taken a
Drastic Step.

London, Jan. 23.—Lord Rhondda, food controller, has taken drastic measures to deal with the meat shortage. An official order was issued yesterday applying to all hotels, restaurants, boarding houses, and public places, to begin forthwith. It specifies two meatless days weekly—Tuesdays and Fridays in the London district, and Wednesdays and Fridays in other parts of the kingdom. Between the hours of 5 and 10:30 o'clock in the morning no meat, poultry or game may be consumed on any day, and no milk may be consumed as a beverage except by children under ten years of age.

A guest must provide his own sugar for sweetening beverages except that residents of hotels, clubs and boarding houses may be supplied with not exceeding six ounces of sugar weekly for this purpose, if they do not possess ordinary sugar rations.

The order gives a table indicating minutely, even to fractions, the exact amount of meat, sugar, bread, flour, butter or other fats allowed each guest for each meal for the guidance of hotel and restaurant proprietors in their weekly dietary. Of fats only 12 ounces may be allowed each guest daily of which not exceeding one-half may consist of butter and margarine.

718 LIVES LOST IN MEDITERRANEAN

In the Sinking of Two Steamers Three
Weeks Ago, Says Brit-
ish Report.

London, Jan. 23.—It was announced officially to-day that 718 lives were lost by the sinking of two steamers by the enemy in the Mediterranean about three weeks ago.

Let Your Children Pick Their Clothes.

Everyone remembers when he or she was a child how irritating it was to have our parents pick all our clothes without giving us any choice in the matter. In the February Woman's Home Companion a writer says:

"Now, what I am asking for the boys is this: Take your sons with you when you buy their clothing. Consult their tastes somewhat. Don't let them select anything ridiculous, but give them a choice of half a dozen sensible coats or hats or whatever it may be. Don't scold them too much. If they come home with the straps on their trousseau, unhooked so the trousers legs are almost long. No doubt the captain of the baseball team and all the other fellows wear theirs that way. Or if your boy comes up the street with his cap over his right ear, while you are telling him that he looks just like a little street tough, remember it was the style that you, yourself, followed last winter and that what all the fellows do means just as much to Johnny as Paris does to you."

ENTHUSIASTIC WAR RALLY HELD

In the Interests of the Drive
for Knights of Columbus
Fund

INSPIRING ADDRESSES
MADE LAST NIGHT

Moral Training Needed to
Keep Up the Country's
Moral

The moral training of our armies in France and the preservation of their morale is not of less importance than the technical side of their military preparation for the great struggle ahead. This is the message which civilian and military speakers brought to an enthusiastic mass meeting in behalf of the Knights of Columbus war fund in the opera house last evening. Some hundreds of people listened attentively and applauded loudly the appeals made by Secretary of State Frederick G. Fleetwood, Lance Corporal George Thompson of the Canadian army, Rev. A. C. Griffin of Wallingford, Revs. J. B. Reardon and B. G. Lipsky of this city, and Capt. Frank P. Stretton, U. S. A. of Chicago, Ill.

It was a fitting prelude to the real work of the campaign which Barre and nearby towns hope to oversubscribe their quota of the \$50,000 national K. of C. fund. Mayor Glysson presided and before his introduction of the speakers contributed a few reasons why Barre should "go over the top" in the present campaign. State Atty. W. R. McFeters of Franklin county was unable to be present and while the chairman waited the arrival of Capt. Stretton, who spoke in Montpelier, Rev. Mr. Reardon and Rev. Mr. Lipsky, who occupied seats on the platform with the speakers and members of the committee, added their telling appeals for contributions. The stage was simply decorated with flags, and the most spontaneous applause was given to the speaker who animated the meeting was heightened by the presence of the Barre Pipe and Drum band. The Scottish musicians played outside and then at intervals while the speechmaking was under way. Evidently the kilties are not of a hibernating sort, for the excellent impression they made last summer was amply sustained last night and their lively music was one of the most enjoyable features of the gathering.

There was a burst of cheering as the speakers came down the stage and were ushered to their seats by members of the local committee. Perhaps Corporal Thompson, who is back from Ypres and the Somme with injuries he'll not soon forget, received the most spontaneous applause. Chairman E. J. Owens of the Washington county campaign committee introduced Mayor Glysson as the chairman.

The secretary of the state, the first speaker, stressed the importance of the task to which we have addressed ourselves and declared that the allied democracies are fighting for a philosophy of life. He paid tribute to the heroic sacrifices made by Cardinal Mercier of Belgium, Belgium, France and England, first, and then America to pay the bill was the program of the Huns, he asserted, and our debt to Belgium, France and England for turning them back at the Marne should be repaid with interest. Mr. Fleetwood spoke of the departure of many young men for France as a sharp wrench from civilian life and in closing he urged his hearers to "pull together and oversubscribe the fund that it may not be Germany over all, but democracy over all."

Lance Corporal Thompson, a modest fellow whose quiet demeanor little indicated the stirring life he had led for the past two years, spoke but a few moments. He made a good impression on the audience by saying that the only pleasure a soldier could anticipate on the battle ground was to get back to the recreation lists provided by the Y. M. C. A. or K. of C. He said that the men of the Canadian expeditionary force would never forget the fine treatment they received from the Y. M. C. A. attached to their army. He bespoke hearty support for the present campaign.

Father Griffin confessed himself to be in agreeable company whenever he came to Barre and at the outset referred briefly to his pleasant relations with Barre people during his curacy of St. Monica's. The priest declared that it needs a great crisis to bring home the truth, and that in the present instance our danger from invasion and aggression had been the crisis which brought us to our senses. He spoke of the splendid work done by the army Y. M. C. A. and asked his audience to do their part in putting the K. of C. on the same footing in similar work which they have undertaken. The speaker said that 35 per cent of the soldiers and 50 per cent of the sailors in our forces are Catholic and that it was only right that a Catholic order should assume some of the burden hitherto borne by the Y. M. C. A. alone. He quoted the figures, he said not boastfully, but because the church was proud to contribute so generously of her young manhood.

Father Griffin's speech was a straight, out-and-out appeal for assistance from all the people and in carefully worded phrases he described some of the things which the Y. M. C. A. and K. of C. hope to accomplish for boys of all religions before the camps and cantonments. The clergyman was applauded vigorously and so unceasingly did the audience continue its demand for another word from him that he had to acknowledge the tribute with a short story.

In his brief message, Rev. Mr. Reardon, after asking for widespread responses to the appeal for K. of C. funds, counseled his audience to keep hatred out of their hearts whenever thoughts turn to Germany. Rev. Mr. Lipsky paid tribute to the relief work already in hand and said that any movement which had for its prime purpose the lessening of soldiers' hardships should be enthusiastically supported.

Capt. Stretton, in prefacing his appeal, said he had heard of Barre "Dark," as one of its grantees is known, from Brownsville, Tex., to the Canadian border. He had always been anxious to visit the home of Barre "Dark," and at last his

wish was gratified. He said that two Barre boys were in his troop at Fort Ethan Allen and that they were excellent specimens of the young manhood which is making up our new armies. The speaker again and again emphasized the importance of preserving the morale of the soldier, and asserted that recreation centers such as the K. of C. and Y. M. C. A. provide, keep the men from places where evil exists. He told something of the efforts which the army is doing to keep the men contented, and added that the army, nevertheless, needs the assistance of such agencies as the "Y" and the K. of C. Loyal and evil-minded women are the greatest obstacles to morale, he said, and mentioned a case in hand where 14 out of every hundred men on the Mexican border were rendered unfit for duty as the result of their own misconduct. That was before the "Y" established its recreation center. After that the percentage was reduced to one in 100. At the close he reiterated his plea for support in the campaign and said "when we go over the top in France we want an army of fighting men and not a hospital unit."

\$200,000 LOSS IN BRANDON

Four Buildings Wiped Out By Fire—
Flames Had Made Great Headway
Before Being Discovered.

Brandon, Jan. 23.—Four buildings in the center of this village, in which were located the Brandon National bank, the Western Union office and several stores, were burned to-day. The loss is estimated at \$200,000. The fire had gained such headway before being discovered that it was impossible to determine where it started.

VERMONT PEOPLE COMMENDED.

For Their Patriotic Compliance with the
Fuel Administrator's Order.

H. J. M. Jones, state fuel administrator, gave out the following statement last evening relative to the co-operation given him during the last five days:

"On account of the congestion of calls upon this office during the past five days, it has been impossible for many local fuel committees to get into communication with us, and they were, therefore, thrown back upon their own resources. For the splendid manner in which they met the emergency by their readiness and discretion, I have genuine admiration, and wish to express my thanks and appreciation.

"Also, I desire to say that the spirit and character which the manufacturers, merchants, tradespeople and others interested accepted the situation and complied with the purpose of the order of the federal fuel administrator of Jan. 17, is as fine an exhibition of loyalty and co-operation as was ever manifested by the people of any state."

TRANSFERRED TO BOSTON.

Joseph Willett Leaves St. Albans Be-
cause Railroad Service Is Cut Down.

St. Albans, Jan. 23.—Joseph Willett of this city, tourist conductor for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad for 22 years, has been transferred to Boston because of the cutting down of the service. He will be in the passenger department of the New England agency of the company and he expects to leave soon for that city.

Mr. Willett started in railroading when 17 years of age, going with the Central Vermont railroad. He has made 304 transcontinental trips and traveled about 4,000,000 miles.

FRANKLIN COUNTY DRIVE

Secured 2,793 Names for Red Cross Mem-
bership.

St. Albans, Jan. 23.—J. Gregory Smith, chairman of the recent Franklin county Red Cross drive for members, reported to-day a total of 2,793 names secured, with total collections of \$2,884.50. By towns the number secured was as follows: Bakersfield 114, Berkshire 106, Enosburg 83, Fairfax 54, Fairfield 182, Fletcher 28, Franklin 148, Georgia 135, Highgate 106, Montpelier 70, Richmond 266, St. Albans City 1,151, St. Albans Town 161, Sheldon 191, Swanton 100.

"SUFF" ADVOCATES ARRIVE.

Will Confer with the Leaders of the
Party in Vermont.

Miss Mabel Vernon of Washington, D. C., and Miss L. Daniels of Grafton, this state, arrived in Montpelier this morning for conferences with the leaders of the woman's suffrage party in Vermont concerning the proposed amendment to the constitution. This forenoon they met some of the leading workers of the party in Montpelier.

FOOD STORE PLANS.

Will Be Announced After Conference at
Montpelier.

Acting Food Administrator John T. Cushing of St. Albans and Fuel Administrator H. J. M. Jones of Montpelier were in conference at Montpelier to-day relative to orders to be given to food stores in Vermont next week.

TO HALT LABOR STEALING.

Measures Have Been Taken for It at
Washington.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Measures to check competition for labor between the war industries and government agencies have been taken by the department of labor. This was announced yesterday after a delegation of Virginia truck growers, headed by Representative Holland, had called on Assistant Secretary Post with a protest that the farmers would lose a million bushels of potatoes this year if the enticement of farm laborers by industrial concerns were permitted to continue.

The delegation was told that the department already had directed the cancellation of extravagant advertisements for men, which are considered detrimental to the government's war program. Industrial plants are being assured that all real labor needs will be met by the United States employment service, in whose hands the distribution of the available labor supply has been placed by Secretary Wilson.

567 PERMITS FOR BUILDINGS

Only Six of Them Were for
New Dwellings
House

MOST OF THE LIST
OF MIXED NATURE

Fire Department's Net Cost
Was \$11,327.97—Other
Reports Submitted

A total of 567 building applications were handled during 1917 by the Barre building inspector, and the total expenditure in building was \$51,418, according to the 23d annual report submitted by Building Inspector George M. Rand at the regular city council meeting last evening. Ward 5 led easily in the number of applications, having 183, or approximately 32 per cent of the total.

By wards the applications were as follows: One, 74; two, 72; three, 78; four, 81; five, 183; six, 79. Included in the total were the following operations: New dwellings 6, store building 1, barns 4, garages 14, storehouses 2, summer houses 3, hen houses 31, wagon sheds 2, surface cutting sheds 2, wood sheds 5, open shed 1, coal shed 1, horse house 1, tool house 2, water houses 2, piazzas 9, dormer windows 2, bay windows 1, additions 42, remodeling 77, repairs 74, foundation 1, reshingling 84, patching roof 70, fireproof roof 44, chimneys and repairs 76, buildings taken down 6, held over 1, canceled, refused 1.

The report of Chief C. B. Gladding of the fire department showed a total of 81 fire alarms for the year, of which 12 were general calls. The total property endangered was \$470,000; the property loss was \$33,116.30; the insurance paid was \$32,726.35. The total cost of the fire department was \$11,327.97 and the credits were \$369.11, making the net cost \$11,327.97. There are eight regulars, five assistant engineers and 25 call men in the service. Chief Gladding recommends better protection on the westerly side of Depot square immediately. Five new hydrants were installed and 500 feet of hose purchased.

In connection with the fire department the fire committee reported the department in "exceptionally good condition" and recommended that attention be paid the coming year to the elevated and outlying districts.

Overseer of the Poor William McDonald reported for the nine months from April 1, 1917, when he took the office with no balance on hand. He received from the city treasurer \$9,180; from those who had repaid or on assignments, \$689.15; discounts, \$186.29. The expenses were \$9,331.80 and the net expense was \$9,145.51. The department had a balance of \$34.49 on Jan. 1, 1918.

Chief of Police Samuel Sinclair gave statistics of arrests for the year, showing a total of 401, as already printed in this paper; and the cost of the department was \$6,703.05.

The year's report of the assessors told of a 1917 grand list of \$65,946.74, it being an increase of \$2,914.41. The real estate valuation was \$4,746,372, a gain of \$10,447.10. The personal estate was \$1,172,962, a gain of \$187,104, the total number of polls was 3,379, a loss of 31.

The property committee's annual statement was brief, stating that all the city's property has been kept in good repair and is insured as in the past, with the exception of the city hall.

The library committee told of 4,698 books bought at a cost of \$5,285.85; and the cash on hand Dec. 31, 1917, was \$492.20. The trustees of the French-Barr Library reported 2,291 volumes bought for \$3,193.57, and a balance of \$367.93.

The award of the printing contract to N. J. Roberts was announced by the printing committee, the price being \$1.47 a page of the annual city report. The committee on legislation was as brief as some of the other committees. It said: "We have given all matters referred to our careful consideration and when necessary consulted the city attorney. Brevity also struck the water committee, which recommended that the department be operated as economically as is consistent with the maintenance of its present efficiency."

The total appropriation for the street department last year was \$88,132.75. The expenditures were \$68,669.26, leaving a balance of \$19,463.49. The expenditures for the year were summed up by the street committee as follows:

State highway	\$3,350.42
Streets	15,238.59
Permanent streets	20,082.23
Street sprinkling	2,218.23
Sewers	1,138.38
Surface sewers	1,761.37
Sidewalks	2,866.21
Bridges and culverts	202.49
Resurfacing	1,721.22

The council did little other business besides accepting all the above reports, but the business done included the following: Adopting a resolution relating to departmental appropriations, setting aside \$2,000 for the street department and \$10,000 for schools; adopting a resolution calling for a temporary loan of \$48,000; adopting an amendment relating to increase in pay for firemen; and voting the usual weekly warrants. These latter were: Street department payroll, \$2,267.24; engineering payroll, \$254.01; water department payroll, \$685.85; fire department payroll, \$1,323.35; police department payroll, \$1,044.91; overseer's department, \$25; janitor's salary, \$16.

WEEKLY PAY TO JANITORS.

School Commissioners Voted at Meeting
Last Evening.

At the regular meeting of the Barre school commissioners last evening it was voted to pay the janitors of the several public school buildings by the week. A further vote was to engage Mrs. J. W. Grady to teach Spanish in Spaulding high school during the remainder of the term. Several reports were handed in, the same to appear in the annual city report.